

Ka'ōhao Public Charter School

Minutes of Board Meeting, February 26, 2020

Board Members Present:

Philip Whitesell, President
Winston Sakurai, School Director
Celia Miner
Espie Chapman
Kim Hanson, Treasurer/Secretary
David Root, via Zoom
Eun Strawser, Vice President
Cynthia Hunter
Brian Canevari - absent
Jim Swieter

Community Members Present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Natasha Skoberla, KSO Board - Secretary
Laura Young, Community Member

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2020.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the January Minutes was unavailable and will be reviewed next board meeting.

2. Community Input:

- Introduction of Ms. Laura Young, guest of Ms. Hanson, who is learning about our Board.

3. Student Council Report: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- The December dance raised about \$800. The carnation sales for Valentine's Day raised about \$700 for an epilepsy foundation.
- Spirit week will be March 9-13. The dance on March 13 will raise a message board for outside of the library that will announce StuCo events.
- The charities are chosen and voted on by the students in the council.

4. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman, PCNC

- Ms. Chapman has done about 20 tours for GEs this school year. They are excited about our school.

5. KSO Report: Natasha Skoberla, KSO Board Member

- The Gala was held this weekend. Preliminary numbers look like \$58K gross, \$44K net. The event felt successful and we have some ideas for next time.

6. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Kim Hanson

- We will review financials for the December 31 quarter end at the next board meeting. Mr. Root liked the way that it was organized for the Commission and believes this is a more useful tool for the Board's reviews.

7. Nominating Committee Report: Cynthia Hunter

- Dr. Hunter has procured a list of potential board members. The bylaw changes have been entered. Mr. Root suggested that we reach out to Mr. John Sawyer for either membership or potential membership.

8. Discussion on Shade Structure Use Policy: Celia Miner

- The language in the HRS says that school facilities shall be open to the public. This language suggests a mandate. Dr. Sakurai has currently restricted all rentals due to a lack of staffing to man the rentals that are outside of school hours. Facility use will continue as is, and approvals/denials will continue to be at the discretion of Dr. Sakurai to the extent that the law requires.

9. Director's Report: Winston Sakurai

- We've had an exciting February. We had the school spelling bee. The 100th day of school celebration for kindergarteners, STEM day, and Vintage Lanikai Auction Gala.
- Dr. Sakurai received a quote for our new communication systems from Hawaiian Telcom. We are using Hawaiian Telcom because it is what the DOE uses, and the systems must talk to each other. The quote came out to about \$144,000. They will be doing a discovery process soon, and there is potential for this price to decrease if some of our existing infrastructure will suffice. We are also requesting to use DOE servers which would save us money. Dr. Sakurai would like to request \$100K from the Board to implement the first phase of the system. Dr. Hunter moved to approve funding \$100K. Ms. Hanson seconded. Motion approved unanimously. The most optimistic install date would be May 2020.
- We are in the 3rd year of our accreditation and will have our mid-cycle accreditation visit. Dr. Natalie Nimmer was hired as a consultant to help with our progress report and preparatory work.
- Next month, Dr. Sakurai will be in DC in March to lobby for funds for schools. He has been asked to serve at a conference in April in Denver.

9. New Business:

- None.

7. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 25, 2020, 6:00pm in the Ka'ōhāo School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The Board approves reserve funding of up to \$100,000 for the installation and activation of the new communication system for the school.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on February 26, 2020.

Philip Whitesell, Kim Hanson, Espie Chapman, David Root, Eun Strawser, Celia Miner, Cindy Hunter, Jim Swieter.